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Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING FOOD WASTE DIVERSION AND ANAEROBIC DIGESTION FACILITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22a-226e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2020*):

3 (a) (1) On and after January 1, 2014, each commercial food wholesaler
4 or distributor, industrial food manufacturer or processor, supermarket,
5 resort or conference center that is located not more than twenty miles
6 from an authorized source-separated organic material composting
7 facility and that generates an average projected volume of not less than
8 one hundred four tons per year of source-separated organic materials
9 shall: (A) Separate such source-separated organic materials from other
10 solid waste; and (B) ensure that such source-separated organic materials
11 are recycled at any authorized source-separated organic material
12 composting facility that has available capacity and that will accept such
13 source-separated organic material.

14 (2) On and after January 1, [2020] 2021, each commercial food
15 wholesaler or distributor, industrial food manufacturer or processor,

16 supermarket, resort or conference center that is located not more than
17 [twenty] forty miles from an authorized source-separated organic
18 material composting facility and that generates an average projected
19 volume of not less than fifty-two tons per year of source-separated
20 organic materials shall: (A) Separate such source-separated organic
21 materials from other solid waste; and (B) ensure that such source-
22 separated organic materials are recycled at any authorized source-
23 separated organic material composting facility that has available
24 capacity and that will accept such source-separated organic material.

25 (b) Any such wholesaler, distributor, manufacturer, processor,
26 supermarket, resort or conference center that performs composting of
27 source-separated organic materials on site or treats source-separated
28 organic materials via on-site organic treatment equipment permitted
29 pursuant to the general statutes or federal law shall be deemed in
30 compliance with the provisions of this section.

31 (c) Any permitted source-separated organic material composting
32 facility that receives such source-separated organic materials shall
33 report to the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, as
34 part of such facility's reporting obligations, a summary of fees charged
35 for receipt of such source-separated organic materials.

36 (d) Not later than January 1, 2021, the Commissioner of Energy and
37 Environmental Protection shall establish a voluntary pilot program for
38 any municipality that seeks to separate source-separated organic
39 materials, with or without the use of compostable bags, and ensure that
40 such source-separated organic materials are recycled at authorized
41 source-separated organic material composting facilities that have
42 available capacity and that will accept such source-separated organic
43 material. For purposes of this section, "compostable bag" means a bag
44 intended for a single use by a consumer that is composed only of
45 vegetable matter and decomposes by bacteria or other living organisms
46 into carbon dioxide, water and organic compounds at a rate consistent
47 with known compostable materials.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2020</i>	22a-226e

Statement of Purpose:

To encourage the development of additional anaerobic digestion facilities in the state that are available to divert food waste from the state's solid waste stream.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]